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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman  
The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of James Cole as Deputy Attorney General

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

On behalf of the Current Chair, the Chair Elect and the preceding dozen living Chairs of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, each of whom has authorized me to include his or her name on this letter, I write to offer our unqualified, enthusiastic support for James Cole as Deputy Attorney General.

The current and former Chairs of the Criminal Justice Section take pride in the fact that the Chair rotates over a three-year period so that one year a prosecutor is Chair, the next year a judge or academic is Chair, and the third year a defense lawyer is Chair. We also are proud that our governing body, the Council, contains a careful balance of prosecutors, defense lawyers and other participants in the criminal justice system to assure that all voices in criminal justice are heard. Our Council has members from both political parties who reside all over the United States. To be elected as Chair or as a Council member an individual must be regarded as an outstanding lawyer who is dedicated to a criminal justice system that protects American communities while assuring due process and equal justice to those investigated and accused of crime.

James Cole has been an important contributor to the Criminal Justice Section for more than a decade. He is universally admired as a great lawyer, a reasoned decision-maker, and a man committed to protecting public safety with fidelity to the Constitution. Before he was nominated as Deputy Attorney General, the Criminal Justice Section voted to make Jim the Vice-Chair who would assume the Chair position in August 2011. If he is confirmed by the Senate, he will be unable serve as a Section officer. Our loss would be a great gain for the Department of Justice. Each of us is ready and willing to provide any other information in support of James Cole that you might seek. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen A. Saltzburg

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